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Title: QUICK-MOUNT & PIVOT BASE
FOR BICYCLE SEAT OR THE LIKE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.

Small Entity statement is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	11	—	20	= 0 x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2002, in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), please substitute for pending claims 1, 4 and 6-8 the following clean version of the amended claim. The changes to claims 1, 4 and 6-8 are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) A quick release/connection arrangement for a seat, comprising:
a seat receiving structure having a pair of latching portions, each of said pair being adapted to receive one of a pair of elongate members which form part of a frame of the seat;
each of said pair of latching portions having a forward latching portion, a rearward latching portion and an intermediate region therebetween, said forward and rearward latching portions being adapted to support said elongate member from below and to secure said elongate member in at least one horizontal direction;

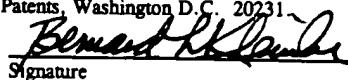
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